

Thomas Asylum for Orphan and Destitute  
Indians, Administration Building  
(Thomas Indian School, Administration  
Building)

HABS No. NY-6012-A

Route 438  
Cattaraugus Reservation  
Irving  
Erie County  
New York

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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA 19106

ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE New York	COUNTY Erie	TOWN OR VICINITY Irving
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Thomas Asylum for Orphan and Destitute Indians, Administration Building		HABS NO. NY-6012-A
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Thomas Indian School, Administration Building		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Route 438, Cattaraugus Reservation		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) circa 1901	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) John S. Barney and Henry Otis Chapman	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The Administration Building was the central structure in the new school plan devised following the school's transfer to the New York State Department of Welfare's jurisdiction in 1898. The school was the social and educational center of the Cattaraugus Reservation		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) from the end of the nineteenth century through the first half of the twentieth century. Georgian Revival		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Load-bearing masonry		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) See photocopies of plans		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE 2½-story brick structure with hip roof; stone belt courses and quoins; rusticated brick pattern on first floor; pillared entrance porch; recessed doorway with elliptical fanlight and sidelights; palladian windows on second and third floors; stone jack arches with protruding keystones over windows; stone niches with Indian		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) statues on either side of second floor center windows Brick fireplaces; skylight See photocopies of plans		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Vacant		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) National Register of Historic Places, 1972		
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